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## RIVERS SEASONAL, INDEFINITE LEAVES SCALE THOUSAND DISPERSAL IS OVER WIDER AREA

Despite criticism of its resettlement program, the War Relocation Authority quietly went about its business of reestablishing a dislocated people.

Rivers resettlement total climbed over 1000 today and hit 1,033 as 35 more residents left on seasonal and indefinite leaves for points east. Indefinite leave total came up to 791 and the seasonal came to 247. Encouraging was an indication that residents were dispersing over a wider area. Departures over the last ten days showed that

but 16 of the 72 had left for Chicago, which had claimed a much larger proportion a few weeks ago. The resettlers were finding employment in Iowa, Ohio, Michigan, Missouri, Nebraska, Kansas, Minnesota, Wisconsin, and the states in the Eastern Defense Command as well as Illinois.

The more recently established relocation offices in different sections of the Mid-west and East were sending in more job offers, and the results were becoming apparent in the wider dispersal of Rivers residents.

Meanwhile, the WRA officials were still parrying relocation critics. They pointed out to Californians that the resettlement program would work to their advantage as it made less probable the return of more and more evacuees to California.

## REITERATES No Evacuees In State After War

Senator Ernest W. McFarland of Arizona, who visited Rivers Friday and Poston Thursday last week, declared on Sunday that "it is most important that the Japanese who were residents of other states prior to Pearl Harbor shall not be permitted to locate in Arizona after the war."

Senator McFarland's statement--often stated by Arizona officials--made no dent on the project consciousness. It was recalled here that the WRA had issued orders that evacuees would no longer be permitted to relocate in Arizona from the relocation centers. Issuance of day passes to Phoenix and other Arizona cities remained on the absolute minimum basis.

McFarland declared that he would also recommend that segregation of the loyal and the disloyal be carried out.

## CO-OP RECEIPTS FOR APRIL READY DISTRIBUTION SOON

Official receipts for the aggregate co-op sales receipts up to April 30 turned in to the co-op by each member several weeks ago are almost ready for distribution, it has been announced.

The receipt from May 1 to May 30 will be collected in the near future, a co-op representative also said.

In event of discrepancy in the figures of the official receipt, and the total added by the members, complaints can be taken to the co-op office at 69-15.

## MORE RECRUITS SOUGHT BY ARMY

Further recruitment of candidates for the Army Language School at Camp Savage, Minnesota, is in prospect for Rivers, according to a teletype from Colonel Kai Rasmussen, commandant, Camp Savage.

The communication indicated that kibei-nisei will be particularly desired. Representatives are expected to arrive in

## 142 CANAL SENIORS RECEIVE DIPLOMAS THURSDAY NIGHT

One hundred forty-two seniors will be happy recipients of diplomas at the first Canal High School commencement exercises Thursday evening, June 24.

With their inspirational class motto, "Enter to Learn, Go Forth to Serve" as her topic, Masako Okada will deliver the salutatory address. The valedictory address, "Education Today, Success Tomorrow," will be given by Mary Mizumura. Presentation and remarks of members of Arizona Advisory Board of the near future.

This will make the third time that Language School representatives arrive on the Project. The first group of volunteers are at present thorough-visiting in the center.

Education for WRA will be made by W.C. Sawyer, project superintendent of education. Board members are: Hon. E.D. Ring, State Supt. of Public Instruction; Dr. Brady Gammage, President A.S.T.C. Tempe, Arizona; Mrs. C. S. Fox, President Arizona Feder. Women's Clubs; Mrs. Marian Lee, Pres. Ariz. Congress of P.T.A., and Miss Alice Vail, Member Board of Directors of A.E.A.

Diplomas will be presented by L. H. Bennett, project director. Various awards to outstanding members of the class in scholastics and school activities will be made by George Kawahara, president, CWS Parent-Teacher Association.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend the graduation exercises.